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WATER SCHEMES FOR BUNDELKHAND
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the abundant reserves of water namely Arjun Kund and Bhim Kund in Chhattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is going to make any plan to meet the requirement of water for irri- gation purpose and drinking water in Bundelkhand by tapping these water resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) &(b) Yes, Madam. However, as informed by National Rainfed Area Authority, these reserves are of a very limited capacity. Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that actual quantity of water available in the Arjun Kund and Bhim Kund in Chhatarpur District of Madhya Pradesh, are yet to be estimated.

Further, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under this Ministry has taken up Aquifer mapping and management programme during XII Plan, under the scheme of Ground Water Management and Regulation. Under this scheme, Aquifer Mapping is being taken up in Baxwaha and Badamalhera blocks of Bundel- khand region, in which Bhimkund and Arjunkund are located.

(c) &(d) It is for State Government concerned to plan, investigate and execute irrigation projects, with or without provision of drinking water, in their respective State. The role of this Ministry is limited to being promotional and catalytic, and providing central assistance to identified projects, under the on-going schemes of this Ministry.

Further, Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that at present there is no plan to meet the requi- rement of water for irrigation purpose by tapping water from Arjun Kund or Bhim Kund.